



PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME IN THE CAR!

The number-one rule of automobile safety for pets is this: *NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET ALONE IN A PARKED CAR!* Overheating can quickly injure or kill an animal.

It only takes ten minutes on an 85-degree day for the inside of your car to reach 102 degrees Fahrenheit, even if the windows have been left open an inch or two. Within 30 minutes, the interior can reach *120 degrees*. Even when the temperature outside is a pleasant 70 degrees, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter! Parking in the shade offers little protection, as the sun is constantly shifting throughout the day. A dog's normal body temperature ranges from 101 to 102.5 degrees. Dogs can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short period of time before suffering brain damage or death. Don't learn this lesson the hard way!

(If a pet is overcome with heat exhaustion, you can give immediate first aid by slowly immersing the animal in cold water until its body temperature has lowered.)

**LEAVING YOUR PET INSIDE
A PARKED VEHICLE MAY BE
DEADLY, *AND IS*
*AGAINST THE LAW.****



* SEC. 2. Section 597.7 has been added to the Penal Code, to read

597.7 (a) No person shall leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonable be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal...

(c) (1) Nothing in this section shall prevent a peace officer, humane officer, or an animal control officer from removing an animal from a motor vehicle if the animal's safety appears to be in immediate danger from heat, cold, lack of adequate venitation, lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal...

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